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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT  
UNDER 37 CFR §§ 1.97 AND 1.98**

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Dear Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 applicant hereby notifies the United States Patent and Trademark Office of the document which is listed on the attached PTO-1449 form and which the examiner may deem relevant to the patentability of the claims in the above-identified application. One copy of the listed foreign language document is submitted herewith.

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed (1) no later than three months from the application's filing date or (2) before the mailing date of an Office Action on the merits (whichever is later), and therefore no certification under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) or fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) is required.

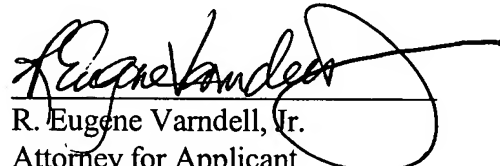
In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) for the listed foreign language document, an English abstract is attached thereto.

The listed documents include those cited in the parent application, now U.S. patent No. 6,974,149, and related U.S. application No. 11/245,134, U.S. Pub. No. 2006/0033310 A1. These documents are also cited on the attached PTO-1449 form. It is respectfully noted that a notice of allowance was mailed on June 7, 2007, in U.S. application No. 11/245,134.

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In the event that this paper is not timely filed, applicant hereby petitions for an appropriate extension of time. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee therefor, as well as any deficiency in the payment of the required fee(s) or credit any overpayment, to our deposit account No. 50-1147.

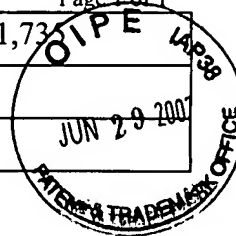
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